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Optimism reigns as DPS prepares for '05 Torch Run activities

When the first Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was staged in 1985, few envisioned that it would become such a popular event among the many law enforcement agencies in the Grand Canyon State.

When DPS first became involved in the event in 1986, it was a full-throttle effort with complete support from then Director Ralph T. Milstead and his executive staff. For several years afterwards, the Department continued to be among the top two or three "pledge-getters" for the event that supports the Special Olympics program.

But in the mid 1990s, support from within the Department began to wane to the point that the agency wasn't even within sniffing distance of those agencies who continually topped the leader board.

But this relative inactivity began to evaporate about three years ago with renewed support from former DPS Director Dennis Garrett and a revitalized inter-departmental effort spearheaded by DPS Sgts. Faith Morgan and Mark Remsey along with a host of determined personnel from throughout the agency.

Last year, the Department raised \$42,750 in pledges,

third only behind the Department of Corrections (\$51,634) and the Phoenix Police Department (\$44,108). This year the Torch Run committee at DPS has set a lofty pledge goal of \$55,000 which, if met, could propel the Department into first place. However, to accomplish this, the Department would have to see a jump of some \$11,000 in pledges, certainly not impossible considering last year's pledges increased about \$12,000 compared to the previous year.

Besides pledges, Morgan and staff have some pretty heavy-hitting promotions lined up that should generate plenty of cash and additional pledges for the Special Olympics program.

First up is the third annual DPS cookout, Friday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets to the barbecue, to be catered by the Outback Steakhouse, are priced at \$10 for the all-you-can eat "picnic" to be held in the parking lot north of the state headquarters building.

The menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken.

"We hope to serve more than 1,000 meals," said Morgan DPS Media Relations supervisor. "Last year, the cook-

out raised more than \$9,000."

Along with the cookout, there will be a raffle which has proven to be quite popular, Morgan related.

"The many raffle prizes that we have to offer were generously donated by various valley businesses," the sergeant commented. "The raffle is becoming an event by itself. We hope to sell more than 3,500 raffle tickets at \$1 each."

During the cookout, "patrons" can also take advantage of several exhibits featuring a DPS helicopter and various vehicles. Morgan said the Department's Special Operations Unit also plans to conduct some mock presentations.

"As always, a special treat will be the performance of the DPS canine officers showcasing their talents," Morgan revealed.

A second event designed to help raise funds for the Special Olympics is a golf tournament in Tucson coordinated by Lt. Rocky Quijada. The four-man scramble tournament

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From Interim Director

David A. Felix's

Vantage Point

By now, you probably know the state has reached an agreement and is in the process of finalizing a class-action, racial-profiling lawsuit that first surfaced some five years ago.

Under the terms of this agreement, the civil lawsuit alleging racial profiling against the Department has been dismissed in return for a series of concessions on our part. Although the Department does not admit to any wrongdoing, we did agree to initiate some proactive measures in an effort to prevent any future racial profiling indiscretions from occurring.

In this settlement, we agreed to:

- * Prohibit officers from stopping motorists based solely on race;
- * Review and revise disciplinary policies as they relate to racial profiling;
- * Collect and analyze data relating to traffic stops;
- * Intensify officer training on how to comply with anti-racial profiling policies;
- * Create a citizen's advisory board to review DPS traffic stop policies;
- * Place video cameras inside patrol cars; and,
- * Require our officers to complete a written consent form when a search is requested.

This agreement will not take effect until it has been reviewed and approved by a U.S. district judge. We anticipate this should occur sometime this spring.

As part of this settlement, we will produce and distribute a video addressing our philosophy pertaining to racial profiling and our continued commitment to correct and address such allegations should they surface. We will also develop training to this issue. This required training will be on top of our annual advanced officer training commitment.

Rest assured that this department abhors the practice of racial profiling and it will not be tolerated. It's also a safe assumption, that our agency's new director will adamantly share this belief.

In recent years, we have redeveloped a reputation as being one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the country. We need to continue to build on this distinction and provide the foundation of leadership to be followed by many law enforcement agencies throughout the country when they address the concerns of racial profiling.

Above all else, our primary job as law enforcement officers is to protect the constitutional rights of our citizens. We will not and cannot allow issues such as racial profiling to tarnish the fine work we have accomplished at this agency.

DPS, employees bracing for hike in retirement contributions

When the Arizona State Retirement System adjusts its contribution rates effective July 1, everybody is going to feel the pinch, whether it's real or subliminal.

As required by state statute, the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) adjusts its contribution rates every two years to ensure its pension plan, retiree health insurance premium benefit program and long-term disability income plan remain fiscally sound.

Currently, civilian employees contribute 5.7 percent, which includes long-term disability. For fiscal years 2006 and 2007, that rate is going up to 8.25 percent, an almost 50-percent boost.

"That's an increase of 2.55 percentage points for both employer and the employee," said Phil Case, the Department's comptroller. "We estimate that it will cost the Department an additional \$800,000 each year. Likewise, it will also cost employees a cumulative \$800,000."

The civilian increase pales in comparison to the hit the Department will endure when it addresses retirement contributions for the sworn side.

Case said the Department's current contribution rate for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) is 8.31 percent, but that share is going up to a staggering 19.61 percent for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

"In dollar terms, that's going to be about a \$7-million cost increase for the agency each year," Case explained. "Currently, PSPRS employees contribute 2.65 percent and that contribution percentage will remain the same. Actually, that contribution is fixed by the state legislature at 7.65 percent, but the state picks up five percent."

What does this mean to the Department and its employees?

"Overall, departmental retirement contribution costs are going to increase by about \$7.8 million each year," the DPS comptroller revealed. "It's important to remember that this increase, which is about 5 percent of our general appropriations budget, will be competing with other departmental initiatives within a fixed pot of money, including such things as compensation, additional personnel and equipment."

Case said the governor's budget proposal includes a 2.55-percent salary increase to "hold civilian employees harmless" from rising retirement contributions.

"But such a compensation adjustment for civilian employees would not result in any real improvement in take home pay because the raise would be gobbled up by the retirement contribution increase," Case said. "The Joint Legislative Budget Committee didn't recommend a pay raise for either state employees or law enforce-

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Efforts of evidence custodian returns sword to tearful owners

When DPS Lt. Bruce Campbell was a patrol officer assigned to the Highway Patrol Division in 1993, he recovered an occupied stolen vehicle while patrolling a stretch of Interstate 17 near Black Canyon City.

The vehicle was filled with a variety of personal electronics and jewelry taken during various residential burglaries in rural areas of Arizona. The vehicle also contained a somewhat unusual item - a stainless steel, hand-polished U.S. Air Force officer's sword.

The distinctive ceremonial saber featured a small engraving that read, "Thanks mom and dad for all of your support the last four years, love Jay." Another engraving on the sword read, "Class of 1988 - U.S. Air Force."

As part of standard procedure, Campbell, now assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, carefully cataloged all items located inside the stolen vehicle and submitted them to DPS Property and Evidence in Phoenix.

In accordance with court policy, the items remained secured in Property and Evidence until Campbell's criminal case involving the stolen vehicle and its driver was adjudicated within the judicial system.

Unfortunately, this relatively simple case encountered delay after delay within the courts and was not finalized until early last year. The extraordinary delays in the case were caused mostly by the primary suspect's decision to file a number of appeals. An additional delay came when the suspect skipped bail at one point during his trail.

The suspect remained a fugitive for an extended period of time before he was pinned down by law enforcement officers and returned to custody. Several months later, the suspect's case was finally adjudicated within the courts.

More than 10 years had elapsed since the beginning and end of the relatively innocuous case. Not long after the case was finalized, DPS personnel assigned to Property and Evidence in Phoenix were formally notified that they no longer had to hold any evidence related to the decade-old case.

Evidence Custodian Michael Ruiz, a 6-year DPS employee, was delighted upon receiving the notification.

Ruiz initially viewed the notification as an opportunity to remove all of the old, bulky evidence associated with the case from DPS'

crowded storage facility at 16th Street and University. Removing such evidence would free up much needed space.

When Ruiz first began to examine the evidence to determine what could be done with it, he was struck by the presence of the hand-polished U.S. Air Force officer's sword.

After reading the engraving on the sword, images of two proud, anonymous parents immediately began to appear in Ruiz' head.

One set of imaginary parents had a son serving with the U.S. Air Force in Iraq. Another set of fictional parents had a son re-

that route, thanks to Ruiz's determination. He began searching for the owners of the sword whenever he had a few minutes of spare time during his work day.

He didn't have much information other than the name "Jay" on the sword and the engravings. The first thing Ruiz did to begin his search was make a phone call to the U.S. Air Force Academy to see if officials there could release any contact information on individuals who graduated from the academy in 1988.

The academy was very supportive of Ruiz' noble effort to return a missing Air Force sword, but told him he would have to contact the president of the U.S. Air Force Alumni Association to obtain such information.

Ruiz was able to quickly establish contact with the alumni president, Steve Knight. During the first conversation Ruiz had with Knight,

he learned that Knight was just as excited as he was about the opportunity to return a missing sword to an Air Force Academy alum.

In fact, Knight told Ruiz that it would make his year a success if he could help return the sword to its rightful owners.

Without wasting time, Knight began pouring through his alumni records. He soon discovered that there were three individuals with the name of "Jay" or "Jason" who had graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1988.

Unfortunately, though, Knight only had a phone number on file for one of those three individuals. Even more troubling, it was unclear if the phone number he had on file was current.

Realizing he had to make due with the information he had, Knight planned to call the phone number as soon as possible.

The call would definitely be a crap shoot, but would make the return of the sword that much more miraculous if it led to the sword's rightful owners.

Knight, who was keeping Ruiz abreast of his progress, called the number after carefully rehearsing what he would say if someone answered. The number he dialed was listed in his records as the home telephone number for 1988 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate Jay Stone.

The sword, however, was never going



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Security tape leads to quick arrest in illegal immigrant scheme

DPS detectives arrested an ex-convict whom they believe impersonated a police officer while orchestrating a scam in which he detained illegal immigrants and seized their assets before abandoning them at various law enforcement agencies.

DPS Detective Tom Kimbro said officers arrested Robert Castaneda Jr., 50, Jan. 31 within 25 minutes after he had distributed pictures of the suspect to fellow detectives assigned to the General Investigations Unit.

The quick apprehension of the Cashion man surprised Kimbro, in his 34th year as a law-enforcement officer, 18 with DPS. The suspect was arrested in the downtown area of Phoenix, near a court house.

After his arrest, the suspect was turned over to the Phoenix Police Department for questioning in at least six other similar cases, besides those involving DPS.

He was charged with kidnapping, armed robbery and impersonating a police officer.

Kimbro said DPS' involvement in the case began when Sgt. Tony Mapp received information from Intelligence that the Phoenix Police Department was working a series of cases involving a man posing as a police officer who would "arrest" illegal immigrants

and "seize" their possessions before abandoning them.

Mapp contacted Kimbro who in turn retrieved security video tapes of the man entering the lobby of the MVD building that houses the Special Investigations Unit. From the video, Kimbro said the detectives were able to retrieve a "good still picture" of the suspect.

Some 25 minutes after detectives first saw the photo, Castaneda was spotted in downtown Phoenix by DPS Detective Mike Ruiz who contacted Kimbro.

Kimbro then drove downtown to assist Ruiz in making the arrest of Castaneda, who was released from an Arizona prison in December 2003 after serving 16 years for armed robbery and aggravated assault with a weapon.

Kimbro said Castaneda earlier violated his parole in July and was returned to prison until his release in December. That's when he reportedly began his charade as a police officer.

Kimbro said he couldn't believe his unit's good fortune.

"The suspect was wearing the same suit and shirt as he was in the video," Kimbro

said.

Kimbro said the man had a pistol which he claimed was found in a dumpster. He also had a replica of a DPS breast badge and a plastic wallet badge.

"The breast badge looked authentic, but probably was mail order," Kimbro said. "It had 'patrolman' stamped on it, but no badge number. If 'flashed,' the wallet badge also looked authentic."

DPS Media Relations Officer Steve Volden said that on at least four occasions, Castaneda was seen in security surveillance video at a DPS facility posing as an undercover police officer.

Volden said the suspect's method of operation was consistent in each video appearance. "He entered a public area of a DPS building escorting a subject seeming to be 'in custody,'" Volden explained. He directed the 'arrested' subject to sit on a bench, and then left, supposedly to return."

When Castaneda didn't return, the arrestees simply walked out, Volden explained.

"This has got to be the quickest crime ever solved. I don't think I've ever solved one this quickly," Kimbro remarked.

Denman conquered many challenges during her 30-year career

Communications Supervisor Jean Denman, who completed a variety of challenging assignments within DPS' Operational Communications Centers, retired March 11 after more than 30 years of service.

Denman, an Ohio native who was raised in Salome, began her law enforcement career with DPS in July of 1971 as the district secretary in Chandler. About two years later, Denman transferred to the Department's communications center in Yuma where she served as a dispatcher.

In 1975, Denman left the Department for four years, returning in August of 1979 as a limited-term employee.

In October of 1979, Denman returned to communications as a dispatcher in the Operational Communications Center in Phoenix. She received her final assignment at the agency in October 1993 when she was promoted to police communications supervisor, remaining in that position until her recent retirement.

In retirement, Denman plans on researching her family's genealogy and reading an assortment of books. She also intends to spend more time with her 26-year-old daughter.

The one thing she said she will remem-

ber most about DPS is how far the agency has advanced technologically since she joined the Department.

"When I started in Communications, we were using ticker tape and now we have a Computer Aided Dispatch System," Denman



Rehashing memories

Jean Denman (right) reminisces during her retirement party with (from left) Sgt. Bill Whalen, Officer Terry Lincoln and retired Sgt. Casey Lincoln.

said. "The transition from one technology to another has been very interesting."

Denman's co-workers organized a retirement party for her on Jan. 14 at the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix.

Denman's family, friends, and a countless number of DPS employees from almost every section of the agency attended the event to wish her good luck in retirement. Many members of the Department's executive staff also attended, including retiring Director Dennis Garrett whose last day of work occurred the same day.

When presenting Denman with her official retirement letter and plaque, Garrett emphasized that Denman will be remembered for the kindness and empathy that dominated her work ethic. Garrett also said Denman's leadership style was built on an unwavering belief in always choosing to do the right thing no matter what everyone else is doing.

"You have made an indelible mark on the people of this agency by your consistent support of past and current co-workers," Garrett told Denman. "Your dedication did not begin and end with an 8-hour workday. It encompassed much more, because of your concern for the DPS family as a whole."

Retired DPS Officer 'Bear' Hutchinson, a valley community leader, dies in Phoenix

Theodore Nathaniel "Ted" Hutchinson, who completed his 26-year DPS career in 1994, died Jan. 27 in Phoenix.

Funeral services for Officer Hutchinson, who also was known affectionately as "Bear," were Feb. 5 in Phoenix.



TED HUTCHINSON

The 69-year-old Phoenix native spent his entire DPS career completing various assignments in the Phoenix metropolitan area. He also received a district officer of the year award from the Department in the early 1990s.

He attended Dunbar School and graduated from Carver High School before attending Phoenix College. He later served two years with the U.S. Army prior to starting his law enforcement career with the Arizona Highway Patrol in March 1969.

Throughout his life, Officer Hutchinson, who as a youth was an accomplished Golden Glove boxer, was quite active within his south Phoenix community. Although he did fight briefly as a professional, his most memorial ring experiences came as a sparring partner of Zora Folley, a Chandler resident who consistently was a world-ranked heavyweight boxing contender in the 1950s and 60s. For many years, Officer Hutchinson also worked closely with the Boys Club boxing program in South Phoenix.

Within his South Phoenix community, "Bear" completed 15 years as a committee member with the Pop Warner South Association, a youth football organization, and four years as president of the South Mountain High School Booster Club.

In appreciation of his volunteer work and his reputation as a dedicated law enforcement officer, Officer Hutchinson was honored in 1971 by Mesa VFW Post 1760.

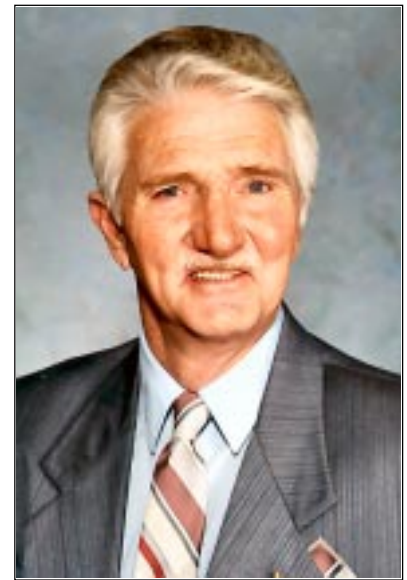
Survivors include his wife Ira, five children, four grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

Internment was at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix.

Advice from the 'Bear'

When asked what advice he had for young officers, Officer Ted "Bear" Hutchinson told the Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employees newsletter:

"A lot of guys think, 'I'm going to corral crime!' But crime was there before you were hired and it will be there when you leave. That badge isn't bullet proof, and it doesn't make you God. You have to give to people the same respect that you want."



JUDGE CORWIN BRUNDRETT

Corwin Brundrett, Retired DPS officer, dies at age 68

Judge Corwin R. Brundrett, 68, of Apache Junction, who retired as an officer from DPS in 1980, passed away Feb. 4.

Following his DPS retirement, Judge Brundrett served 10 years as a Apache Junction city magistrate.

In 1994, he was elected as a Pinal County justice of the peace.

Judge Brundrett started his career with the Arizona Highway Patrol in 1966. Upon graduation from the AHP academy, he was assigned to Timber Camp, a remote-duty assignment some 30 miles north of Globe.

After three years at Timber Camp, Judge Brundrett transferred to Apache Junction where he retired some 11 years later.

It was at Timber Camp where he gained some statewide notoriety.

According to *The Arizona Republic*, Judge Brundrett and another patrolman, Doug Henderson, descended down a 900-foot cliff to help recover the bodies of two men killed when their car failed to negotiate a curve on U.S. 60, plunging 1,500 into the Salt River Canyon.

The Republic reported that the two "finger held tumbleweeds and dagger-sharp brush to gain footholds to the spot where the bodies were found."

At one time, the justice of the peace was an avid darts player, good enough to capture medals in various Police Olympics competitions.

Prior to DPS, he served with the U.S. Army.

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ment officers. By all indications, it's going to be another tight budget year."

Case said an increase in retirement contributions was anticipated, but no one expected the PSPRS increase to be so great.

"We knew that it would go up, but didn't know how much," Case said. "I think it is safe to say the PSPRS increase was very surprising. The ASRS increase was expected and very similar to what was implemented two years ago."

Case says he believes the increases are because of smaller than expected investment returns, changing demographics and benefit increases.

"People are living longer, thus the costs of providing retirement, health insurance and other related benefits increase," the comptroller explained. "Retirement systems and life insurance companies base their assumptions on some common longevity tables and

I understand those tables until recently haven't been reviewed in many years, perhaps a couple of decades.

"When these analysts completed their reviews, they determined people were living significantly longer than expected which seriously impacts retirement programs. The market also is down from the 'roaring 90s' so investments aren't as profitable as they were five or 10 years ago."

Another concern, Case said, revolves around health insurance.

"From what I hear, the state is expecting the cost of health insurance to increase, but both the legislature and the governor's office expect the state to pick up the entire increase," Case said. "So there shouldn't be any inflationary impact on health insurance."

"Overall, however, it's not turning out to be a great year for state employee compensation."

Unusual traffic stops

8 airmen stopped, cited for flying by the seats of their pants

These airmen from Luke Air Force Base were flying, not in jets, but on motorcycles. With wind blowing in their faces and bugs decorating their eye wear, life couldn't get much better for these 25 or so motorcycle enthusiasts.

That is until they passed Dallas Luttrell, then a DPS Highway Patrol officer. If it hadn't been for Luttrell, now a sergeant assigned to Training, their sight-seeing excursion up the Beeline, back down through Roosevelt Lake, Globe and Apache Junction probably would have been a blast.

Although the wind provided by these Ninja-type motorcycles certainly provided a cool breeze on a hot Labor Day weekend some five years ago, Luttrell wasn't about to let them off the hook, especially when the DPS officer estimated that all were traveling at least 100 mph, "just slightly above the posted 55 mph speed limit."

"When they went by, I went after them," said the Kentucky native who was driving an unmarked, gray 1994 Chevrolet Caprice. "I also was wondering what I was going to do once I caught up to them."

Following a series of hills and curves on S.R. 87, the airmen hit an stretch of open highway. At about that time, eight airmen accelerated and distanced themselves from the pack. Luttrell set his sights on the "elite eight." At that time, he also radioed fellow Highway Patrol Officer Brett Rye just in

case he couldn't overtake them before they reached Rye.

Some 11-12 miles later, Luttrell caught up with the eight.

"I had paced them at 125 mph," Luttrell said. "When I hit the lights, I really wasn't expecting any of them to stop, but I was hoping one or two would. It surprised the heck out of me when all eight pulled over and stopped."

With Rye's assistance, Luttrell "wrote" eight criminal speeding citations, all for 125 mph.

While completing the citations, the remainder of the group had made their reentry and passed by at a much more prudent speed.

"Those we stopped didn't have a lot to say other than they didn't know they were going that fast," Luttrell said. "All were very respectful, signed their tickets and assured me that they would take care of their citation."

"I am assuming they did because I never was subpoenaed to court on them. That certainly was my most memorable stop. I'm not saying it has never happened before to another officer, but I sure haven't heard about it."

Luttrell added that by noon that day, he had written 12 tickets for 100 plus.

Editor's Note: If you have an unusual experience working the

road, the Digest is interested in talking to you. Contact Art Coughanour, badge no. 3131, ext. 2313, mail drop 1200 or acoughanour@azdps.gov.



Eight is enough

Although not assigned to the road, life is still quite hectic for Sgt. Dallas Luttrell, but probably not as busy as it was a few years back when the Training sergeant stopped and cited eight motorcycle enthusiasts at the same time for speeding.

The War on Drugs

Even though it was Valentine's Day, it's a safe assumption that these three drug-smuggling suspects don't have a warm spot in their collective hearts for DPS Canine Officer Casey Kasun.

Simply stated, their relationship with the DPS officer blossomed into a bust to the tune of 400 pounds of marijuana.

The seizure was the result of a mid-afternoon Valentine's Day traffic stop for speeding on I-40 near Flagstaff. During that stop, Kasun located the contraband and developed information about an accompanying second car which was stopped later.

After the three suspects were arrested, arrangements were made to return the two vehicles to the proper rental agency.

Improper lane usage resulted in a "ton" of problems for this trucker.

While patrolling I-40 just west of Holbrook Feb. 6, Highway Patrol Officer Marc Lozano stopped a tractor-trailer rig for a lane-usage violation. Lozano told the Duty Office that while talking to the driver during the stop, he noticed several indicators of drug trafficking.

The following search produced 2,198 pounds of marijuana which was seized along with a 1997 Freightliner and \$2,250 in cash. Lozano said he also arrested the truck driver.

Detectives assigned to the County Narcotics Alliance, Tucson, served a search warrant on a Tucson residence that resulted in the confiscation of 347 pounds of marijuana.

But the Jan. 31 activity wasn't uneventful. After contacting the two suspects at the Tucson home, Sgt. Mark Morlock told the Duty Office that the pair barricaded themselves inside the residence. After more than two hours of negotiations, Morlock said members of the Tucson Police Department SWAT team deployed chemical agents to diffuse the situation.

After fleeing the structure, the pair surrendered.

Sometimes marijuana-smuggling is sim-

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After dialing the number and nervously waiting a few rings, a soft, gentle female voice answered.

Knight's heart immediately began to sink when he realized the voice obviously did not belong to Stone and seemed much too old to belong to Stone's wife. Knight figured that the contact information he had on file for Stone was indeed outdated or incorrect.

The phone call, which was supposed to be a joyous event, was going to be a real disappointment, he figured.

Unbelievably, though, the older woman who answered the phone slowly proceeded to explain to Knight that she was Stone's mother.

She said she was staying at Jay's home because Jay's wife needed assistance caring for her children due to Jay's current military deployment in Iraq with the U.S. Air Force.

Butterflies immediately occupied Knight's stomach and chills raced down his spine as he realized he might actually be talking to the mother whom the sword was gifted to many years ago. He called hoping to contact the alum who received the sword in the Air Force, but to somehow end up speaking directly with the alum's mom whom the sword was stolen from would be even more miraculous.

As soon as Knight began to mention that he was from the U.S. Air Force Alumni Association and that a missing officer's sword had been found, the woman began wrestling with her emotions.

After listening to Knight's description of the saber that had been located, she was overwhelmed, not knowing whether to cry or scream with joy.

"The woman was beside herself and told Knight she and her husband thought they would never see the sword again," Ruiz said. "They were also moved because they were staying at Jay's home and the phone call about the sword came out of the blue. They also said they had many expensive items stolen from their home in Arizona the same day the sword was stolen but only cried about the loss of the sword. The sword had tremendous meaning to them because it was given to them by their son."

After telling Stone's mother and father that their son's sword would be returned to them soon, Knight promptly called Ruiz in Arizona to inform him about his success.

Ruiz, normally an emotionally tough, sturdy man, fought back tears upon hearing the great news.

He said his emotions were compounded

because of ongoing U.S. military operations around the world and his unfailing support and respect for all U.S. troops.

"In kind of a silly way I feel as if my efforts to have this sword returned to the parents of an active serviceman contributed to restoring a bit of military honor, at least for one family," Ruiz said.

Stone's mother and father later thanked Ruiz over the phone for his efforts in caring for their son's sword and taking the initial steps of tracking them down. They told Ruiz the entire event seemed like a miracle because it involved more than 10 years of elapsed time and emotion.

After several conversations with Stone's mother and father, Ruiz made arrangements to have the sword shipped directly to them at Stone's home in San Antonio where the couple was staying until their son returned from Iraq.

The carefully packaged sword left Property and Evidence Nov. 12, and was received by Stone's parents in Texas two days later.

Ironically, Stone returned from Iraq by the time the sword was delivered to his parents and he was able to share in its emotional return.

Thanks to Ruiz, Stone had the opportunity to present the sword to his parents as a gift for the second time of his life.

In what makes the return of the sword to Stone's family even more meaningful, it turns out that both Stone and his wife have dedicated their entire lives to the U.S. Air Force.

Stone, a 1984 graduate of Mingus High School in Cottonwood, currently is a lieutenant colonel and chief of clinical psychology for the outpatient unit of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He was nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy by the late U.S. Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz. In fact, he was the last person Goldwater nominated for the academy prior to his retirement.

Stone's wife, Lynn, also is a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Air Force.

The couple has two children.

Anheuser program honors military, national guard

As part of its "Heroes Salute" program, Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. is offering free single-day admission to its SeaWorld and Bush Gardens parks for active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard and National Guardsmen.

Those interested can register on line at <http://www.herosalute.com/>

Who Is She?



Although her smile as a youngster was as radiant as a desert sunrise, today it probably doesn't do much for those she investigates.

Correctly identify this detective and you will be eligible to win a DPS polo shirt courtesy of the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona (AHPA).

Interdepartmental e-mail entries should be addressed to Art Coughanour, badge number 3131.

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Interdepartmental mail should go to *The Digest*, P.O. Box 6638, Phoenix, AZ 85005.

January contest

There were several employees who correctly identified Mary Ann Finnegan, an executive assistant assigned to the Agency Support Division, as the girl with curly hair. Carol Wilson, a procurement specialist with Finance, was awarded the AHPA shirt by virtue of a drawing.

DPS e-mail addresses undergo change Feb. 21

All Lotus Notes addresses at the Department were scheduled to change Feb. 21. The format of the new e-mail address remains the same to left of the "@" — example@dps.state.az.us — but the dps.state.az.us is being replaced by azdps.gov — example@azdps.gov.

Drug wars ...

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ply a dirty business.

However, for Rico, a DPS canine, it was as much fun as looking for a long-lost bone buried in a mountain of dirt.

For Rico's partner, Canine Officer Keith Duckett, it ended up as another of many major drug busts effected by the 13-year DPS veteran officer.

The incident began with Duckett stopping a large dump truck for an equipment violation.

During the Jan. 20 traffic stop on S.R. 83 about 20 miles north of Sonoita, Duckett noticed indicators of drug trafficking and had Rico circle the truck and its cargo of dirt.

Once Rico alerted to drugs, the dig began. Duckett told the Duty Office that buried underneath the dirt was 2,358 pounds of bundled marijuana.

The truck was returned to a rental company, but the driver wasn't as fortunate. He was arrested and booked into a Pima County Jail.

Smuggling cocaine is always a gamble.

In this case, it didn't pay for this truck driver who was arrested and now faces various narcotics-related charges.

DPS Canine Officer John Armstrong told the Duty Office that on Jan. 20 he stopped a commercial truck for multiple lighting violations.

After the truck came to a stop in a I-10 rest area near Casa Grande, Armstrong said his canine, Robbie, alerted to the truck during a "walk 'n sniff." A consent search produced 50 pounds of cocaine concealed in a wooden crate along with some slot machines.

A noon-time pursuit made it an exciting lunch hour for Canine Officer Robert Telles.

After trying to stop a 2002 Chevrolet for a traffic violation Jan. 18, Telles said the driver refused to yield. Instead, the driver accelerated, initiating a pursuit which lasted about 15 minutes before the suspects abandoned the vehicle and fled into the desert near Vail.

A DPS helicopter found the vehicle abandoned in the desert. Inside, officers found 600 pounds of marijuana.

Sometem for everyone

Found in the 1967 Digest.

If you find a mistake in this publication, please remember that it was put there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, including those who are looking for mistakes.

DPS barbecue set for Friday, April 8

Tickets are on sale for the third annual DPS cookout Friday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from:

Sgt. Faith Morgan, Headquarters, ext. 2161; Sgt. Mark Remsey, Phoenix Metro, 602-616-2180; Gary Keltz, Photo Lab/Compound, 602-330-7956;

Officer John Petculescu, Phoenix Metro, 602-363-4971; Sgt. Bob Smart, Flagstaff, 928-773-3602; Detective Roger Hoover, ACTIC, 602-644-5968;

Officer Raul Molina, Tucson, 520-746-

4656; Sgt. Dick Murie, Prescott/Cottonwood, 928-778-3271; Officer Robert Bond, Phoenix Metro, 602-620-5866;

Susan Snow, Metro West, ext. 2531; Debra Henry, Headquarters, ext. 2425; Officer Jim Gallagher, Phoenix Metro, ext. 2504;

Kate Gordon, Headquarters, ext. 2333; Officer Darien Chavez, Phoenix Metro, 602-538-2519; Sgt. Bill Whalen, Headquarters, ext. 2704;

Jacque Hough, Knutson Station, ext. 2409; Sgt. Marty Fink, CI Building, ext. 2622.

Torch Run ...

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with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start is scheduled for May 7 at San Ignacio Golf Course. Entry fee is \$65 per person.

"Our goal is to top \$20,000 for Special Olympics," said Quijada.

For more information, contact either Rocky Quijada, 520-746-4661 or 520-349-6351, or Raul Castillo, 520-746-4515.

For the second straight year, officers in Kingman are developing a golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics. Plans haven't been finalized, but the details of that tournament should be released soon, according to Officer Rob Richardson who is organizing the event.

Another major event being developed is a slow-pitch softball tournament in Yuma.

Officer Mike McLaren, tournament organizer, said he hopes to draw up to 16 teams for the two-day affair. Entry fee is \$200 per team.

"There will be great prizes for the top teams and a raffle with prizes donated through the generosity of area businesses and corporate sponsors," McLaren said.

McLaren can be reached at ext. 2025.

Other fund raisers, such as "Tip-a-Cop," also are planned.

"The 'Tip a Cop' promotion is very popular," Morgan said. "In this fund raiser, the officers assist servers at a restaurant and at the same time solicit donations."

Morgan said one of the more memorable "Tip-a-Cop" events occurred two years ago at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Phoenix.

"Through the generosity of the Claim Jumper and its patrons, an additional \$2,200 was generated for Special Olympics," the DPS sergeant said.

Morgan commented that the Torch Run and related events help support more than

7,000 Special Olympic athletes in Arizona and is the largest fund-raising event for the program.

"Two decades of the Torch Run is quite a testimonial for this event," Morgan remarked. "This successful activity demonstrates that if the cause is just and the need is demonstrated, support will follow. While most believe that giving is intrinsic to human nature, the success of the Torch Run represents the true giving spirit of Arizona law enforcement."

Nationally, the Torch Run made its debut in 1981 in Kansas with Wichita Police Chief Richard LaMunyon spearheading the effort. Back then, no one realized that this endeavor eventually would lead to a national event that last year saw 85,000 officers raise \$20.5 million.

"Such support for the Special Olympics is a rewarding task for the men and women of law enforcement, and for all who participate," Morgan said. "Special Olympics represents the compassionate spirit of all people."

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Happy moment

Employees assigned to DPS Operational Communications Center in Phoenix celebrated national "Thank A Mailperson Day" Feb. 4 by presenting a large basket of gifts to the Department's two mail clerks - Carol Buterbaugh (far left) and Rosa Bojorquez (far right). Police Communications Dispatchers Cynthia Van Hassel (second from left) and Kimberly Harris (second from right) made the delivery. Buterbaugh and Bojorquez, who process some 400,000 pieces of mail each year, said they were surprised and sincerely appreciated the gesture. The basket contained snacks, gift certificates and movie passes.

Denton, Clifford S., 6481, Cadet Officer

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RETIREMENTS

Blundell, Charles L., 3167, Motor Carrier Supervisor, 28 years

Carroll, James C., 2470, Sergeant II, 25 years

Castillo, Rebecca M., 855, Police Communications Supervisor, 32 years

Diaz, Christopher H., 3390, Officer, 20 years

Perkins, Richard L., 6081, Information Services Manager, 2 years

BIRTHS

Hannah Lucille Curtin - 7 lbs., 7 oz., 18 3/4 inches. Born Jan. 13 at Chandler Regional Medical Center to Officer Pete Curtin and wife Julie. Pete is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to Metro East.

Mason Trent Mortenson - 9 lbs., 11 oz., 21 inches. Born Jan. 24 at Navapache Hospital, Show Low, to Officer Trent Mortenson and wife, Jenny. Trent

is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to District 3, Holbrook.

Skylar Michole Melendez - 9 lbs., 6 oz., 21 1/2 inches. Born Jan. 25 at Arrowhead Community Hospital to Officer Chris Melendez and wife, Jackie. Chris is a detective assigned to the Special Operations Unit. Skylar's grandfather is retired DPS Sgt. Tony Melendez, now chief of the Wickenburg Police Department.

Payton Alexander Jackson - 6 lbs., 3 oz., 18 inches. Born Jan. 30 at Banner Thunderbird Hospital, Glendale, to Melissa Haban-Jackson and husband, Patrick. Melissa is a lab technician assigned to the Central Regional Crime Laboratory, Phoenix.

Jeffrey Tristan Watkins - 8 lbs., 6 oz. 20 1/2 inches. Born Feb. 7 at Arrowhead Community Hospital to Vicki Watkins and husband, Jeff. Vicki is an administrative assistant assigned to the Concealed-Carry Weapons Unit.

Samantha Riley Reeves - 7 lbs., 9 oz., 20 1/4 inches. Born Feb. 16 at Casa Grande Regional Medical Center to Officer Matt Reeves and wife, Dana. Matt is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to District 6, Casa Grande.

OBITUARIES

John J. "Jack" O'Donnell, 88, passed away in a Lillian, Ala.-area hospital. He was the father of Ed O'Donnell, an aircraft mechanic assigned to Phoenix Aviation.

Leon D. Dame, 85, of Chandler, passed away on Jan. 21. He was the father of Leon Dame, an officer assigned to Hazardous Materials.

COP SWAP

For Sale: 2003 Suzuki DR200SE. 900 miles. Good condition. \$2,500. Call Jamie Contest after 4 p.m. at 602-253-7528.

Face value D-Back tickets (less than \$20 each) Field level between third base and the left field pole. Call Art, ext. 2313.



Water rescue

DPS Air Rescue in Phoenix was requested by the Salt River Police Department to assist in a water rescue. Ranger responded and located the man (circle) on a small island in the middle of the Salt River. After dropping a life jacket to the man, the helicopter landed on the bank of the river where Pilot Clifford Brunsting and Paramedic Eric Tarr reconfigured the craft to complete the New Year's Eve rescue of the scared but uninjured man.

DPS at a Glance

The 10th annual Law Enforcement Golf Tournament for Special Olympics is set for Saturday, May 7, at San Ignacio Golf Course in Green Valley.

Those paying the \$60 entry fee for the four-man scramble tournament receive a free practice round during the week of the event. The entry fee also covers green fees, cart and a catered meal on the day of the event.

For more information, contact either Rocky Quijada, 520-746-4661 or 520-349-6351, or Raul Castillo, 520-746-4515.

For 18 days in December, 11 law enforcement agencies participated in the East Valley DUI Task Force. The holiday effort resulted in the arrest of 2,188 impaired drivers with DPS officers accounting for 326 of those arrests.

On Jan. 1, the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force wrapped up its holiday effort. During that program, law enforcement officers conducted some 4,400 traffic stops which resulted in the arrest of more than 600 motorists suspected of DUI.

Gail Goodman was elected to serve as chair for the Law Enforcement Merit System Council. Juan Martin will be vice chair of the three-member panel which oversees everyday rules and regulations that govern DPS operations.

The Department's Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office has relocated from the Training and Management Support Bureau – second floor in the state headquarters building – to the Director's Office on the third floor.

Terri Laurel, EEO/AA coordinator, may also be reached at Ext. 2397.

DPS Criminalist III Brooke Arnone addressed students at Hohokam Middle School in Tucson Jan. 27 about the complexities of crime-scene investigations.

It was part of a science program that had students investigating a "crime," a classic fictional "who-dun-it" featuring a missing handsome attorney, a possessive wife, wealthy parents, a jealous brother and various other sinister characters.

As part of the class, the students analyzed blood, fiber and hair samples under microscopes and recorded their findings.

Arnone told the students that crime-scene professionals do essentially the same thing the eighth-graders did by gathering evidence, testing it, writing reports and documenting conclusions.

Letters

Dear Sgt. (Miller) Mitchell:

I had the fortune Dec. 5 to have been in contact with Officer Crystal Frei concerning a missing person in our jurisdiction. It turns out that Officer Frei handled an accident involving this person on Nov. 15 in San Simon. Officer Frei was extremely helpful in providing information that would have otherwise been unknown to us.

What really impressed me was that she did not stop there. On Dec. 6, I received a phone call from Officer Frei informing me that she had developed further information on where the missing person may have been staying while in San Simon.

From my standpoint, having an officer who goes the extra step is a great credit to your agency. In my 16 years of law enforcement, I have never had the opportunity to come in contact with such a professional and conscientious officer. The missing person has been located and that was a direct connection to Officer Frei's hard work.

Please express my thanks to Officer Frei and let her know that she gave a mother and father the best Christmas present they could ever hope for, the return of their only son.

Winfield Drake

Deputy Chief of Police, Elmira, N.Y.

Dear Officer (Sean) Burgess:

I wish to thank you, the other officers, paramedics, rescue, flight and ambulance crews for your kindness on Dec. 22 when I lost my little boy, Ryan, who was nine years old, in a traffic accident.

You and everyone helped so much. You are one of the kindest men I have ever met and I thank you for getting me through those awful moments in time. You are truly my hero. I want you to understand that were it not for your actions and words, I would have never gotten through that time.

When I get so sad about Ryan, I remember you telling me about your son and I pray for your family everyday. Thank you with all my heart and soul.

Casa Grande should be so proud of the men and women protecting them. I wish I knew everyone else's name involved as you all sure make one great team. Please hug everyone for me and know you all have a beautiful guardian angel looking over you. That is the one thing I am sure of.

Again, thank you so very much. I have three children – ages 15, 19 and 30 – to help me through this tragedy. Somehow everyone's actions and kindness toward me that terrible day is helping me do just that. I do not know how to explain to you, but you all had such a great impact on me and I draw on that for strength to help my family.

I will pray for all of you everyday for the rest of my life.

Barbara Arrowood
Parachute, CO

Dear Officer (David) Leech:

On Nov. 20, my son, Thomas Weber, jumped off the overpass at Indian School Road and Interstate 17 in an attempt to commit suicide. He was upset over his wife of several months leaving him.

My wife and I were crying and distraught and yet the way you talked to us and your gentle mannerism comforted us somehow. You went out of your way and found Thomas' car and made arrangements for its safe keeping until we could drive it to Thomas' home.

Thank you for helping us in our grief. Your thoughtfulness has a way of touching lives, of making days a little brighter, hearts a little happier, and problems seem a lot smaller. It's people like you who make the difference in this world. And though you may not hear it often, you are appreciated very much. We will never forget you!

Tom and Sheri Weber

Dear Director Felix:

On Dec. 14, the Douglas Police Department received information from the Polk County, Fla., Sheriff's Office that a local minister had molested a 6-year-old boy years earlier during a revival in Wahneta, Fla.

This was a highly-sensitive case, made all the more so by the fact that I attend the church pastored by this minister. Therefore, I contacted DPS Sgt. Steve Tritz and requested assistance with the investigation. Officer Billy Cloud was assigned to assist with the investigation.

As a result, the minister was charged with three counts of lewd assault on a child and extradited to Florida. The interviews of the minister and others associated with the case were key to developing the level of evidence needed to file charges in this case. Detective Cloud played a vital role in the success of those interviews.

We have had occasion to work with Officer Cloud on a number of cases and have always found him to be very professional in his approach and welcome the opportunity to work with him again.

Chief Charles E. Austin
Douglas Police Department

Dear Director Felix:

On Dec. 20, my wife's parents lost their lives in a fatal auto accident north of Wickenburg.

I have been a law enforcement officer for over 30 years. When I was with a sheriff's department, I worked more than my share of fatal accidents. On the evening of the 20th, I contacted DPS and spoke to the officer working the investigation. Officer Brian Greene

immediately called back and discussed the matter. Over the next several days, I had several contacts with Officer Greene.

He was very professional, but more importantly, extremely compassionate. On more than one occasion, Officer Green went above and beyond the call of duty. For example, after working his shift that ended around 2 a.m. Dec. 22, Officer Green, during his off-duty time, met me at 9:30 a.m. at the Wickenburg substation. He turned over my in-laws personal effects to me, answered my questions and provided assistance. His professionalism and personal touch made a very difficult situation much easier for our family. I will always remember Officer Green's professionalism, compassion, and personal assistance in this matter.

I cannot begin to express our appreciation to Officer Greene. He is truly a professional and one of DPS' finest.

Charles E. Vollmer
Sr. Inspector U.S. Marshal's Service
Puyallup, WA

Dear Director Felix:

On the evening of Jan. 1, I was returning to my Quartzsite home after making an emergency visit to a pharmacy in Blythe, Calif. Unfortunately, my 7-month-old child had become sick and I had to go to Blythe to get a prescription filled.

As I crossed the bridge over the Colorado River entering Arizona, my car began to shake violently. Worried, I pulled to the shoulder. I inspected my car and could see nothing wrong. When I tried to drive again, the shaking became worse and I was forced to stop in the darkness along I-10.

I was helpless. I had no way to reach anyone. Suddenly, there were lights behind me and I was contacted by Officer Brian Petersen. He asked about the problem and I told everything that had happened.

After I told him about my child being sick, he decided it was best if I made it home. Rather than approaching his work as mundane, Officer Petersen pursued it with diligence. He checked all my wheels, making sure they were properly secured.

He then asked if my vehicle was driveable. When I told him it was, but not at high speeds, he said, "You drive as fast or as slow as you feel safe and I'll be right behind you."

As we approached the exit near my home, the tire blew. I pulled over as did Officer Petersen. Without hesitation, he changed my tire and followed me home.

I don't know if Officer Petersen is an average officer, but I know he and his actions meant a lot to me and my family. Officer Petersen is a credit to your department, our community, the state and the law enforcement profession as a whole.

Kim Watlington
Quartzsite

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Down the Highways

March 1965

Arizona Highway Patrolman Frank Gillette and Deputy Bill Ballard, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, worked in vain to rescue a man who died in a car which burst into flames at Florence Junction. Gillette and Ballard used fire extinguishers from their cars and then a water hose from a nearby structure to fight the flames.

It is believed the victim may have suffered a heart attack while smoking and dropped his cigarette.

March 1970

An informal study, completed in early March by DPS Highway Patrol officers, indicated that most flat tires had less than 5/32 inches of tread.

DPS Supt. James J. Hegarty said the statewide survey, conducted on Arizona's freeway system, involved 198 flat tires. Forty-two percent of the flat tires had only 1/32 inches of tread depth while 36 percent had 1/32 to 5/32 inches of tread depth.

DPS Sgt. Dave Holton was a witness March 4 at the preliminary hearing in Casa Grande for five youths charged with murder.

The five are suspected of throwing large rocks off an I-10 overpass, one of which struck the windshield of a tractor-trailer rig driven by a Texas man. Upon being struck, the truck went out of control and crashed, killing its driver.

March 1985

Following a two-hour, four-mile traffic tie-up on the Maricopa Freeway March 23, DPS Officer Jim Smith said he would be doing paper work for days.

The incident on the Maricopa Freeway

near 24th Street began when a motorist, who was critically injured in the crash, lost control of his car before it slid underneath a tractor-trailer rig.

While work was under way to reopen the freeway, a baby, with an apparent sense of poor timing, made his entry into the world in the back seat of his parent's car; another ambulance carrying a sick infant had to be re-routed through stacked-up traffic; a DPS photographer's vehicle was struck by another vehicle; and the ambulance summoned for the critically-injured driver arrived with a flat tire.

March 1990

Richard Kevin Hawley, 45, a parolee just released from a federal prison in Lompoc, Calif., was wounded twice by rookie DPS Officer Bernadette Koren, who had just completed on-the-job training.

The March 9 incident, believed to be the first shooting at DPS to involve a female officer, began to unfold when Koren, working only her second day of solo patrol, stopped Hawley for unsafe lane usage on I-40 within the Winslow city limits.

Hawley eventually pulled a pistol on the rookie officer as they conversed outside their cars. A dramatic gun battle ensued, nearly ending when Hawley fired a shot that passed between Koren's right arm and rib cage, nipping a strap on her bullet-proof vest and grazing her arm.

Prior to that, however, Koren had hit Hawley with one bullet in the left ear, and one in the left hip. Numerous rounds were fired before both ended up back in their vehicles engaged in a high-speed pursuit.

Hawley managed to evade Koren in

Winslow, but his truck was spotted on S.R. 87 a few hours later by a U.S. Customs plane with DPS Officer George McGuire aboard. The plane, which landed on the highway, helped lead DPS' Special Operations Unit to the man.

March 1995

Calvin Nossett, a DPS reserve officer since 1980, was killed early March 30 in an off-duty hit-and-run traffic crash at 411th Avenue and the Salome Highway, west of Phoenix.

Nossett, 55, a resident of Tonopah, was riding his motorcycle to his security job at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station at about 5 a.m. when a pickup truck traveling westbound on the Salome Highway crossed the center line and struck him.

At about 2 p.m. that day, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Andres Castillo who, according to the deputies, crashed into Nossett and then fled on foot.

A DPS lieutenant was promoted to major while two other lieutenants became captains during separate ceremonies conducted in the Director's Office conference room in early March.

During a ceremony March 1, Charlie Warner was promoted to major and with the promotion became chief of the Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB).

Promoted to captain, during a ceremony March 6, were Robert (Bob) Halliday and Mike Orose. With their promotions, Halliday became chief of staff for CIB while Orose became chief of staff for the Agency Support Bureau.